

BAY SPRING

October 2015

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events

OCTOBER

- 10/17 7-9pm
Local Brew Coffeehouse with Local Musicians and Band
- 10/19 6-7:30pm
Student Songwriters Circle
- 10/23 7-9pm
Local Artists Showcase
- 10/24 7-9pm
The Currents: Perspectives on "Fear"
- 10/26 6-7:30pm
Student Songwriters Circle
- 10/26 7:30-9pm
FBSCC Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/31 5-7pm
Halloween Pizza Stop for Families

For the most up-to-date event and activity information, check our online events listing at:
<http://www.bsccri.org/calendar-of-events/>

Are you interested in proposing an event, concert, educational program or other activity to be held at the BSCC? Submit your proposal at:
<http://www.bsccri.org/get-involved/propose-an-event-or-activity/>



Dear friends and supporters,
Welcome to the 2015-2016 season at the Bay Spring Community Center (BSCC)! In the last year we did some extensive soul searching at the BSCC. I am very proud of the Strategic Planning Committee's in-depth work and the Plan they created which will help guide us for the next three years. We were pleased that community members responded to our survey asking for input. Some heartfelt responses to the questions about the BSCC's IMPACT included:

"First and foremost it should be felt within the Bay Spring area of the town. The local community should feel energized by the center's presence. We should feel a sense of pride in its existence, be grateful for the leadership behind it and step up to be involved with it (something I need to do more of). The BSCC's programs are a gift to the larger community as well and in that regard have an impact that reaches beyond the local neighborhood."

It "provides a space for members of the community to gather and in doing so nurtures the connections between neighbors. Though the larger community benefits from and participates in the programs of the BSCC, the local community needs to take responsibility for it."

The BSCC is clearly a valued treasure in Barrington. We are grateful for the Town of Barrington's ongoing support of arts and culture at the Center. But we need the community's ongoing activism to keep building on the diverse arts and cultural programs occurring here. So please "step up to be involved with it" by joining a committee, helping with outdoor clean ups, and attending events, as "the community needs to take responsibility for it." You, our volunteers, are vital for the continued activities at the Center.

A HUGE THANK YOU to outgoing board members Susan Wood (former Board Co-Chair and Treasurer who provided much

time and energy to the Center), Gia Drummy (a former Secretary who provided many years of service to the Center), Bindu Mallick, Stephen Venuti, and Walter Barlow. All have been instrumental in growing and promoting the Center and its cultural programming.

WELCOME to our new board members! We are grateful for your growing commitment to the Center. You have all hit the ground running as we step into our busy season!

Looking ahead this fall we are excited for the continuation of our Currents series and Local Brew Coffeehouses, as well as additional programming for youth in our community. So please join us soon at these upcoming events, renew your annual membership, and support the Center by purchasing and displaying luminaries during our 4th annual Light Up the Night Fundraiser. And THANK YOU for supporting Arts and Culture in Barrington!

Sydney Montstream-Quas
Chair, Friends of the BSCC Board of Directors



Sydney Montstream-Quas and Barrington Town Manager Peter DeAngelis at the BSCC Grand Re-opening



Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center Board

Sydney Montstream-Quas · Chair

Chris Watson · Vice Chair

Denise Conway · Secretary

Tristan Barako · Treasurer

Kate Adams

Julian Alssid

Kate Lentz

Will Orchard

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Welcome New Members of the FBSCC Board

Returning members of the Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center Board Sydney Montstream-Quas, Julian Alssid, and Kate Lentz recently welcomed five new members to the Board:

Kate Adams is a graphic designer and has volunteered for BSCC. She volunteers in the Barrington schools and is an active member of the PTO. When she's not at her computer, she's perfecting the best peach pie.

Tristan Barako is a Research Development & Support Specialist at The Office of Research Initiatives at Brown University. He served on the BSCC Strategic Planning Committee this year and has been an active participant in BSCC events. He also serves on the Barrington Soccer Board.

Denise Conway served most recently as the chair of the BSCC Program Committee where, under her leadership, more than 25 programs were produced and supported during the 2014-2015 season. She loves her work as a Speech-Language Pathologist, though she wishes she could shorten the title. She also loves music, plays the mandolin, fishes, sews and has enough unfinished knitting projects to keep her busy for several winters.

Chris Watson is a writer and communications and marketing professional. Currently serving as the director of digital marketing & communications at KVH Industries, Chris is an avid sailor, amateur gardener, and movie buff. However, around the BSCC and Barrington, he's increasingly known simply as "Esme's dad."

Will Orchard is the FBSCC Board's first Student Representative. He's been a longtime volunteer and event producer and is profiled in this issue's "5 Questions with..." section.



Back row, left to right: Tristan Barako, Chris Watson, Julian Alssid
Front left to right: Denise Conway, Sydney Monstream-Quas, Kate Adams, Will Orchard (not pictured: Kate Lentz)

Volunteers Helping the Season Start Right

As we start the 2015-2016 season, we'd like to thank those community members who have signed on as members of the committees that make the magic happen.

Building and Grounds

Larson Gunness, Chair
Sydney Montstream-Quas, Board Liaison
Denise Conway
Kate Bonneau
Patti and Dave Gardner
Christine Lichatz
Susan Wood

Membership Committee

Susan Wood, Chair
Kate Lentz, Board Liaison
Gia Drummy
Patti Gardner
Denyse Rourke
Jennifer Watson

Marketing & Communications

Chris Watson, Chair
Kate Adams, Board Liaison
Kate Bonneau

Program Committee

Merle (Magi) Greene, Chair
Denise Conway, Board Liaison
Gia Drummy
Dick Laremore
Jack Ringland
Stephen Venuti
John Wood

Lend a Helping Hand

Volunteers are the heart of the BSCC, helping to ensure that everything goes smoothly and everyone has a great time, whether that's helping with setup, concession sales, breakdown, taking tickets, and more. Contact the event coordinators below if you're interested in volunteering at one of these events:

Oct 17 — Local Brew Coffeehouse

Sydney Montstream-Quas:
sydney_mike@fullchannel.net

Oct 24 — The Currents

Chris Watson: writerguy@cox.net

Oct 31— Halloween Family Pizza Stop

Magi Greene: merleannngreen6@gmail.com

Do you want to get more involved with the FBSCC and bringing great programs to the East Bay?

Let us know at:

www.bsccri.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Local Brew Coffeehouse Bringing Local Talent to the BSCC Stage

The ever-popular Local Brew Coffeehouse returns for the 2015-2016 season and kicks it off in style with the "Playing for Peace" concert. Join Bay Spring Folk, Phil Edmonds, Mark Whittaker and Friends, and Hollow Turtle for an evening of great music on the BSCC stage on Saturday, October 17. Doors open at 6:30 and the show gets underway at 7PM. Email sydney_mike@fullchannel.net to reserve tickets.

Coffee and homemade pastries will be for sale. Local Brew Coffeehouse is sponsored by the Barrington Recreation Department, Friends of the Bay Spring Community Center, Wildflour Vegan Bakery, and New Harvest Coffee Roasters.

Tickets are \$5 suggested donation for adults, kids 12 and under are free.



the currents

Just in Time for Halloween, The Currents Explores "Fear"

Fear is something we've all experienced. We often seek it out in horror movies or crazy scary roller coasters. We struggle to overcome it. We learn to live with it. It can add color to our lives or overwhelm them. And we look for ways to illustrate it, perform it, and laugh at it.

Now, just in time for Halloween, The Currents returns and takes on "Fear" from many perspectives through the voices of our stellar speakers, including:

W. Zachary "Bill" Malinowski

30-year investigative reporter for the Providence Journal and author of the new book, *Chasing The Ghost*, about the criminal life of Charles "The Ghost" Kennedy.

Kate Bonneau

Halloween baby (yes, she was born on 10/31)

Michael Obel-Omia

an educator for more than 25 years and two-time Currents presenter

Parker Wood

actor, poet, songwriter, and musician

Doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7PM with treats and drinks during intermission. Tickets are \$5 suggested donation for adults and free for kids 12 and younger.

Three-year Strategic Plan Approved

The FBSCC is pleased to announce the launch of the Bay Spring Community Center Three-year Strategic Plan, which will help guide the growth, mission, and programs of the BSCC. The plan was developed with input from key stakeholders including FBSCC committee members, the Town of Barrington, past FBSCC Board Chairs, and the broader community.

It charts a path for the BSCC's core strategic initiatives, which include building on the BSCC's existing partnership with the Town of Barrington; expanding the reach of BSCC programs through expanded participation by community members throughout Barrington and the East Bay; increasing the diversity, scope, and appeal of future performances

with local performers and other groups; and establishing a financial, administrative, and volunteer foundation sufficient to sustain and grow the BSCC. A digital copy of the plan will be published in the coming weeks and available on the BSCC website. For more details or to get involved with the plan's implementation, contact Julian Alssid at jlalssid@google.com.



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The mission of the FBSCC is to foster a community spirit and to engage and enrich Barrington by bringing neighbors together through a variety of social, artistic, cultural and educational activities.

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meet a member

5 Questions with...Will Orchard

Barrington High School student Will Orchard has been a fixture at the BSCC for some time, producing multiple events and now serving as the Student Liaison to the Board of Directors.

How did you get involved with the BSCC?

I was first running shows at the Barrington Democratic Club, until I was introduced to the center when I was invited to play at an open mic. At that time, the ballroom was still under construction, but I thought the center had potential for bigger community events. When the ballroom construction was finished I booked the first Battle of the Bands concert with my friend, Tim Gamache.



Will Orchard (left) and Ben McCormick play at the 2015 BSCC Harvest Fest

You regularly perform at the BSCC. What instruments do you play and for how long?

I have been playing guitar for nine years, and singing for five.

What have you learned after producing multiple Battles of the Bands and Acoustic Nights?

I've learned that these events are always better when they are more inclusive. The best turnouts have been when we have a variety of artists, all coming together to enjoy each other's work.

You've proposed student concerts, song-writing workshops, and art shows this year. What's driving that effort?

Artists and musicians are a hugely underappreciated and misunderstood group, especially those from the local arena. I want to unite the community in being more accepting and understanding of all artists, and at the same time give everyone an enjoyable, inexpensive way to have fun and appreciate the arts.

You're on a desert island...what are your three must-have albums?

That's a very tough question, but I'd probably have to choose Vivadixiesubmarinetransmissionplot by Sparklehorse, Sometimes the Blues is Just a Passing Bird — EP by The Tallest Man on Earth, and Bert Jansch's self titled album.

Harvest Fest 2015

More than 90 community members turned out for Harvest Fest on an absolutely gorgeous October Day. Thank you to all of our sponsors! Check out the website for a full list.



Enjoying the music, folks?



Everyone had a hard time choosing which raffle items to bid on.



Chris Watson and younger BSCC members announce the lucky raffle winners.

Become a member at WWW.BSCCRI.ORG & make some new friends!

Become a Friend of the BSCC and join a vibrant community filled with art, music, activities and more. Join online or complete the form below. Checks can be made payable to "BSCC" and sent to Bay Spring Community Center, P.O. Box 184 Barrington, RI 02806.

___ \$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Your membership makes BSCC events possible by supporting our newsletters, website, supplies and more. We will never sell or share your contact info.

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